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| DESCRIPTION  | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
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| Basic filing fee - Utility                             | \$750   | \$770   |
| Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)              | \$375   | \$385   |
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| Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)   | \$42    | \$43    |
| Claims in excess of twenty                             | \$18    | \$18*   |
| Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)              | \$9     | \$9*    |
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| Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)                | \$140   | \$145   |
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